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WHAT IS TIME?

What is time? That is a question we
may ask ourselves many times, and be as
far from the solution as when we first
enquired.

We think we understand it by looking
at it particularly in the order of succession
by dividing it into three parts—present,
past and future.

The past exists no longer, the future
does not exist. The present alone touches
us by its actual reality.

WHAT THE PRESENT MEANS.

Well, then let us examine of what this
present time really consists.

If we consider one second—this interval,
which is nevertheless so short, between
the two beats of the balance wheel of a
clock—we may quite easily divide it in
thought into ten equal parts, and that is
always the custom in astronomical obser-
vations. When there is occasion to note the
passage of a star behind the spider web
chord of the meridian telescope of the
precise moment of the occultation, of the
star by the moon, or the distance from west
to east between two neighbouring stars,
astronomers mark their observations in
tenths of a second. Present time, in fact,
would be more correctly represented by
the idea of one-tenth of a second than by
the duration of a whole second.

Now let us go a little further in precise-
ness. Tenths of a second are quite long
intervals, and when there is a question of
delicate comparisons, such for example as
the measuring of the proper movement of
the stars, they are always determined in
hundredths of a second. This amount is the
real unit in astronomy of precision. The
length of the rotation of the planet Mars
on its axis is expressed by the enumeration,
24 hours 37 minutes 22 seconds and 65
hundredths. The best photographs of the
sun are obtained in less than the hundredth
of a second.

We may consider present time as last-
ing a hundredth of a second. And yet,
nevertheless, we ought to remark that this
appreciation depends solely on our facilities,
on our brain. While it is a hundred times
shorter than the first mentioned duration,
it is long itself. It is possible that there
are beings infinitely small, microbes "who
live a hundredth of a second, which for
them is an age, during which they are
born, have grown up, have reproduced
themselves, have lived, have grown old.
In a hundredth of a second light travels
3,000 kilometres, the distance from Paris
to the North Cape and to the Caucasus.

A THINKABLE APPRECIATION.

It is, therefore, more accurate, in order
to estimate present time, to consider a
hundredth of a second rather than a tenth.
We might certainly even go as far as the
thousandth, because it is used in physical
sciences, notably in electric experiments.
But let us confine ourselves to a thinkable
appreciation. A tenth of a second is easy
to conceive. During the duration of a
second one may tap ten times with the
finger nail on an object, hear the tape,
and perceive their succession. The tenth
part of this tenth, or a hundredth may still
be imagined in thought. But this is all.
The thousandth is completely indiscernible.
Well, this hundredth of a second is really
only an instant, a moment, a point.

Such is present time. Such is that
which actually exists. The instant which
precedes it no longer exists. The instant
which follows it does not exist at all.
From this it is not a very far step to
thinking that time does not exist at all.

The present passes as quickly as it
appears. It is an open door between the
past and the future, through which the
future unconsciously turns itself into the past,
falls into the abyss and vanishes.

Where is yesterday? Where is to-
morrow?

What remains of the events that took
place in the past, of the events that are
to take place in the future, and of the millions
of men who caused themselves to be killed
for the spreading of their faith?

The atoms which composed the living
bodies of these millions of human beings
do not-day in the wind, circulate in the
plants, the animals and the men of to-day,
flow in the springs, pour in the rains,
murmur in the brooks, in the fluttering of
leaves, in the flight of humming insects—
in all the sounds of nature. But of all
these living bodies of former days, those of
Assyria, of Phrygia, of Laio, and of all the
quaint of human beauty, what remains?
Nothing, nothing, nothing!

And all the beings which live to-day will
disappear like their predecessors. Let it be
understood that I am not speaking of the
invisible forces which rule the universe,
of the energies which group the atoms in
living harmonies, of spirits and of souls; I
am speaking of material nature, tangible,
ponderable, that everybody recognises.

Let us thought rise to the origins of the
formation of the solar system; anterior to
the existence of the earth time did not
exist.

Let it descend the ages up to the extinc-
tion of the sun and to the annihilation of
life on our globe, and on all the planets.
Time will no longer exist. Only the act of
time will no longer exist. It is the
stuff of which life is made; it is the
great factor of events; it is the universal
and implacable master. We said just now
that our predecessors exist no longer, but
they exist in us and in every fashion.
Julius Caesar, Augustus, Jesus Christ are
acting on all humanity. The Roman Em-
pire and Christianity have exercised their
influence on the entire world, and all
that now happens would not exist
without the most remote anterior causes.
The war of 1870 would not have taken
place without Napoleon and Louis XIV.
So that whatever be the event that one
considers it is the work of time that one
has before one's eyes, the most mysterious
and the most difficult for the human mind
to conceive. Its measure has nothing ab-
solute; it is relative to our sensations. If
the movement of the earth should stop, who
would perceive it? Only the astronomers.
The years and the days could happen to be
twice the times, shorter or longer, the
function of life would follow the same
progress, and there would be nothing
changed as to our impressions.

Is not time a metaphysical entity, un-
known, directing, organising and com-
puting the universe, styled material and
ponderable? Does not a mysterious, in-
visible power lie at the back of all things?

Intimations.

TROPICAL DEBILITY.

HOW TO FIGHT IT.

Of all the evils with the inhabitant of
the tropics is called upon to en-
dure, the greatest are, perhaps, the deadly
debility and nervous depression which are
the forerunners of the more serious ills so
rife in warmer latitudes. Physical fitness
should be the constant watchword; healthy
nervous force must be the subject of the
most earnest cultivation. Happiness,
may life itself, hangs in the balance.

When exhausted Nature fails readily to
respond to the extraordinary demands
made upon the system by the exigencies of
climate, Science offers more than one remedy
with precisely the needed remedy. Sana-
togen, the tonic food, is the means dis-
covered whereby impaired vitality may be
safely and rapidly restored.

Sanatogen has a singular effectiveness.
It is not a tonic only that it stands
unrivalled; it is, besides, a perfect food,
extremely rich in just those properties
necessary to the perfect nourishment of the
depleted system. The basis of Sanatogen is
the casin or "curd," the nitrogenous
principle of milk. Nitrogenous foods are
our body-building ones. They are deman-
ded constantly by the body for the forma-
tion and for the repair of its tissues.
United with the casin, we find glyco-
phosphoric acid, which is an all-important
constituent of the brain and nervous
system. This is the reason then, why
Sanatogen has obtained its high reputa-
tion. It repairs the wear and tear of the
most vital parts of our frames, and above
all it gives to brain and nerve their es-
sential food in precisely the form in which
they are capable of readily receiving and
assimilating it.

Doctors in tropical countries have not
been slow to seek the wonderful advantages
in the use of Sanatogen among their
patients, and a great many of them have
written setting out the success that has at-
tended the use of this preparation. They
have used it with the greatest success in
Malaria, Dysentery, Enteric Fever, cases
of Plague and Cholera, as well as amongst
those who are suffering from ailments due
to disordered liver, spleen or digestive
system. One or two of their opinions are
worth considering.

Thus Dr. H. H. W. HART, Hapur,
Rajmout Depot, Babugrah, United Pro-
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for the past two years, and in no
single instance have I been disap-
pointed with its results. I can
honestly affirm that many of my worst
cases owed their recovery to Sana-
togen. I could quote numerous cases
where the administration of Sanatogen
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amelioration of the symptoms. I cannot
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benefit upon suffering humanity.

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of the body (whether in children or
adults) are in want of a stimulating
nutrient. (We milk, dried to any
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heart failure has been threatening, I
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ting the patient to turn the critical
corner, and it has admirably aided my
treatment of this fell disease. I have
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discovery of Sanatogen you have added
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already in the possession of every
physician."

And Dr. R. F. BOWERS, Bhopal,
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Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Debiel," Robinson Road.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at 10, Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon.

SATURDAY, April 16—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at "Debiel," Robinson Road.

3.30 p.m.—Fifth Meeting of Hongkong Gymkhana Club, at Happy Valley.

9 p.m.—Performance "Mice and Men" by H.N.A.D.C.

SUNDAY, April 17—

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao per a.s. Hwangshan.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1910.

CHINA'S CURRENCY.

The other day a Peking telegram appeared in the Wah Tat Po's service saying that H.E. TAO SHAO-TI, at present visiting his ancestral home in Kwangtung, had been advised to proceed at once to Peking to discuss with the Grand Council the report which he presented on his return from Europe regarding the steps China should take to reform her currency.

Now comes news from the North that there is an imminent possibility of China adopting the Japanese system, which, as our readers know, has the yen as its standard token, a coin exchanging at a little over two shillings in terms of English currency. In China the standard coin, we read, will be the tael, which is a monetary unit known in the Middle Kingdom from time immemorial. We have heard so much in recent years about China's intentions to reform her currency that we are a little sceptical regarding the present news. That such a reform has long been desired by all who have the welfare of the nation at heart goes without saying. But the great question is, where is China going to procure the stock of yellow metal necessary for a reserve before she can inaugurate a gold currency? Japan was favoured by the gods in this matter, the huge indemnity which she wrung from China in the sequel of the unpleasantness of 1894 providing her with the funds necessary for her purpose. But China has no such resource to draw upon. Her Imperial Treasury is finding it hard to meet these days to make both ends meet and the greatest difficulty is being experienced in providing the wherewithal to discharge its obligations abroad. Of course, such a state of things should not be in a land possessing the vast metalliferous potentialities which China has locked away in her hills and valleys. We live, however, in a practical world and as these potentialities are mainly still an unworked and unworkable asset, we ask again where does China

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Colonel King-Satter, commanding the Rifle Brigade, died suddenly at Fort William, Calcutta, on March 23rd.

Earl and Countess Poulett, on March 11, left England on a tour round the world, sailing from Tilbury by the steamer Mooltan. They will break their journey at Colombo and spend some weeks in India, and from India they will come to Hongkong and go on to Japan, returning to London by California and New York. The journey will occupy about ten months.

To the Hon. N.J. Moore, who is about to visit England for the first time, belongs the distinction of being the youngest Premier in the Empire. Mr. Moore is by profession a surveyor, and as a young man—he will be 40 in May—helped to lay out the famous mining township of Coolgardie. His native town of Benbury elected him to the Parliament of Western Australia six years ago.

Vice-Admiral Alexander George MacKee died on 4th ult. in London. As senior lieutenant of the Zebra on the China Station he was thanked by the Governor of the Straits Settlements and the Commander-in-Chief for services during destruction of a steamer which was on fire. As senior of the Cadmus also he was commended for his gallant ability, and in 1876 he was promoted.

OWNERSHIP OF DIAMOND EAR-RINGS.

Trial of an Issue.

There was a trial of an issue in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, between I. da Winesbit (plaintiff) and Ruby Holstein (defendant) as to the ownership of a pair of diamond earrings valued at \$1,000.

Mr. E. J. Grist was for plaintiff and Mr. Jackson for defendant.

Mr. Grist said the earrings were purchased by him by defendant, but it was a matter of ownership. It was admitted that defendant had no knowledge whether the earrings were the property of the plaintiff and that they were taken from defendant.

His Lordship—They were taken by the police under a warrant.

Mr. Jackson—Yes.

Mr. Grist—While in the possession of defendant. Proceeding, Mr. Grist said plaintiff purchased the earrings in Manila about eight years ago and paid \$1,400 (Mexican) for them. She then went to reside in Tientsin and came to Hongkong from there about January, 1903. She then had the earrings with her and went to live in a house with a woman called Mabel Sherman. She stayed there for a month or so and then went to Hongkong on business for or connected with Mabel Sherman, with whom she left the earrings in custody. Plaintiff at that time intended to return to Hongkong very shortly but she did not return until December last year. In the meantime Mabel Sherman married a man named McGinn and later died leaving no will.

Mr. Jackson—She left a will but it was revoked by marriage.

Mr. Grist—Anyhow, she died intestate and letters of administration were granted to the official administrator. Proceeding, Mr. Grist said when plaintiff came back to Hongkong she made enquiries with reference to the earrings and found out that a married New York lady, formerly of the Grill Room, had or should have had these earrings in her possession. He (Mr. Grist) believed that the official administrator handed them over to Mr. McGinn, who was also known as Newbold of the defendant. It was perfectly clear that the earrings were plaintiff's property and that the husband of deceased or his attorney had no power whatever to dispose of them.

Plaintiff then went into the box, and in the course of her evidence stated that she saw the earrings at Manila and the photos of herself produced showed them in her ears.

His Lordship—I'm afraid I can't see the earrings but no doubt they are there (laughing).

In cross-examination by Mr. Jackson, plaintiff admitted that in December last she received a pair of earrings from the Registry, but she told Mr. McGinn that they were not hers. It was also true that she owed Mr. McGinn \$180 for board and lodging, but, added plaintiff, "I gave her \$254 worth of chits."

Then there was a balance due to you?—Yes.

Is that the usual way you do your business?—Yes, any person who owes me money?—Yes; any person with whom I have lived.

Would you know the difference between glass earrings and the diamond ones?—Yes.

The prices you had at the Registry were \$100?

Why should the Registry give them to you if they were not yours?—They said they were no good to them.

After hearing further evidence, his Lordship reserved his decision.

A San Francisco paper states that the Pacific Mail steamer Korea was three days late on arriving at that port, which can be accounted for by a wait at Manila during the recent carnival held there. The vessel was also delayed a day in Hongkong, where the Chinese New Year was in full blast. During a portion of this time the vessel could not be drydocked, because labour could not be secured, though triple wages were offered.

Referring to the departure of the new U. S. Minister to Peking, an American paper says:—"William J. Calhoun, has no valet. He is a man who, beginning life as a farmer boy, always has 'washed his own face and put on his own clothes,' and he has no intention of changing his habits now to make a personal impression on Chinese dignitaries. His wife has no maid. Mrs. Calhoun married a strong, simple, hardy, and honest man, and he has no intention of being a dandy in the party, and it is announced that there will not be."

SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE.

JOHN D. Rockefeller won't go broke if he should spend his entire income trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for diarrhoea, dysentery or low complaints. It is simply impossible, and no one every one that has used it. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

The thirty-seventh ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., was held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, today.

Mr. A. Forbes presided and there were present Messrs J. W. Bannard, H. A. Sicks, G. Balloch, F. Lish, G. E. Melburn, E. R. Ormiston, J. W. C. Bonnar, C. R. Lomax, directors; J. W. C. Bonnar, J. W. Noble, P. Smyth, A. Shelton, Hooper, J. Whitall, A. B. Rouse, W. Dunbar, H. Humphreys, W. H. Wickham, L. M. Alvarez, J. Barton, T. R. Rose, H. W. Robertson, W. E. Potts, J. T. Douglas, Mr. P. A. Fletcher, G. C. Maxon, and the secretary, Mr. Montague Ede.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, I will, with your permission, take the report as read. A comparison of the years 1907 and 1908 shows a falling off of nearly two and a half per cent. due to the higher rate of exchange taken this year but mostly due to a genuine falling off in sterling takings on account of the general stagnation of trade. Interest in 1908 shows a satisfactory increase. Turning to the other side of the account you will see that commission and charges are less than the previous year while losses are a great deal smaller, the year resulting in a divisible balance of \$241,000, which we propose to deal with as follows:—to pay a final dividend of 1908 of \$1.50 per share, to add to sterling reserve fund \$10,000, to reserve fund \$25,000 and to carry forward the substantial balance of \$218,000 to underwrite suspense account, thus closing the account for 1908. Your directors have thought it wise to build up the funds than to recommend the payment of a larger dividend.

On the whole we consider the figures satisfactory, and we therefore recommend the payment of an interim dividend of 10 per cent. on account of 1909 and a bonus to contributors of 20%.

There being no questions the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. J. Whitall seconded and the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. A. B. Rouse seconded by Mr. Carrillo, Messrs J. W. C. Bonnar and A. Forbes were re-elected directors.

Mr. Hunter proposed, Mr. Cunha seconded and it was agreed that Messrs H. M. Jeffries and A. R. Lowe be re-elected Auditors.

The Chairman—That is all the business gentlemen; thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.

FIRE AT THE PLAQUE HOSPITAL.

Soon after 1 a.m. this morning a fire broke out in the methods adjoining the Kennedy Town Plaque Hospital when damage to the extent of about \$500 was done, two large methods being burned.

The Fire Brigade was quickly on the scene and it is extremely fortunate that the wind was blowing in the direction of Pokfulam, because in all probability the efforts of the Fire Brigade would have been of little avail in saving the building had it been in the opposite direction. A fire broke out in the methods, some five years ago and it is unfortunate that the Government is in error in permitting these methods to be erected particularly as the ordinance expressly states that no such erections shall be permitted near the hospitals. What with the vigorous measures of the Government to prohibit patients can now be admitted to the Tung Wah Hospital, and unless there is a severe epidemic these methods are of little or no use.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is just what its name implies. For pain in the stomach and cramp colic it has no equal. At this season of the year when fresh fruits are prevalent and you can do no better than keep a bottle of this remedy always at hand. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

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AMERICAN POLITICAL ORISIS.

CRUSHING "CANNONISM."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

A Washington message states that as a result of a coalition between the Republicans "Insurgents" and the Democrats an appropriation of \$2,500,000 to be devoted to maintaining the Speaker's automobile has been rejected by 132 to 111.

Speaker Cannon defied the "Insurgents" to depose him and predicted that the Republicans would be again returned in the Autumn, when the Democrats would again be shown to be false prophets.

CHINCHAU-AIGUN RAILWAY.

ANGLO-AMERICAN FIRMS TO FINANCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replying to Mr. Arbuthnot, stated that the concession for finance in respect of the construction of the Chinchau-Aigun Railway had been granted to American and British firms.

RUSSIAN HONOUR FOR PRINCE FU-SHIMI.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The Tsar to-day conferred the Order of St. Andrew on Prince Fushimi, jun.

MR O'BRIEN AGAIN DISCREDITED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

Mr. Redmond declares that everything Mr. O'Brien said at Cork in reference to him is an absolute fable, and adds that the alleged land purchase offer was never made him.

THE SECOND VETO SOLUTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The debate on the second of the Veto Resolutions opened to-day in the House of Commons.

THE CASE OF THE TRUSTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The Supreme Court of the United States has ordered re-argument to be heard in the cases of the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company, which the Missouri and New York Circuit Courts respectively declared to be illegal corporations.

The decision has created great surprise in financial circles and caused stocks to rise with a bound.

CHINA'S MINISTER TO BERLIN.

TO VISIT CANTON.

(Wah Tat Po's Service.)

Peking, April 12.

Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, the new Minister to Berlin, has left Peking for Canton on leave, on the expiry of which he will proceed to Germany to take up his position in Berlin.

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OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN LOANS.

IMPERIAL DECISION REQUESTED.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, April 12.—The Board of Communications having failed to come to any satisfactory arrangement with regard to the objections raised to foreign loans for railway construction in Hupeh, has presented a memorial to the Throne in which the pre-judges of the people of the two Provinces are set out. A request is appended asking for Imperial decision.

LATE CANTON OFFICIAL'S RESTORATION.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, April 12.—H. F. Chao Erh Fung has suggested that Hsiao Chun Hsiao, a former Tatar-General of Canton, be restored to office and sent to Tibet to restore order.

"MICE AND MEN."

A Splendid Performance.

From the translation of light, frothy plays possessing the merest suggestion of "plot" to the production of a "serious" psychological study is indeed a big jump. Yet it has been achieved with surprising ease and decided success by the members of the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, who have thus only further illustrated their resourcefulness and capacity for adapting themselves to changed conditions. In a little community like ours, where gaiety and frivolity always command a big share of attention, the tendency is for such organizations as the A.D.C. to pander to the popular taste. But a day comes when loftier aspirations of the mind and the intellect, and the destinies of the Hongkong amateurs have nicely timed the arrival of this period. Still, for all that, they run a considerable risk in making the experiment, but the fact that their foresight and courage have met with the reward of general approbation is distinctly gratifying. Now that we have been given a taste of what can be done in the way of putting on serious plays, we shall surely be a yearning for more of the same order.

"Mice and Men" is a fine study of character, to true life that there is a very real admixture of philosophy of love, of passion and of human nature. It has already been in part outlined in print as it will suffice to give the merest indication of its character. Mark Embury, a scholar, scientist and philosopher, feels that there is something wrong with the world and attributes it to the adopted system of education. Believing that regeneration must begin with the feminine, he conceives the idea of securing "the raw material" from a Foundling Hospital, of training the girl according to his own theories, hoping to cultivate in her a passion for science and the arts rather than for frills and feathers, and then, when the nature of the being has been changed, of marrying her with the object of contributing ideal children to the State. He means well enough, but in the end is outwitted by human nature. His pretty ward is, after all the trouble, still sufficiently feminine to desire a hair-pad as "divine" and to steal away by night to attend a masquerade ball. Love, too, springs up between her and the philosopher, the well-meaning theorist is sadly brought to realize that "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley." Still his efforts have evolved a delightfully unaffected and lovable young woman, who is a credit to her former in order to secure the happiness of his now repentant nephew.

In every respect the performance last night was altogether admirable. The story unfolded itself freely and naturally. There was nothing forced, nothing contrived, and no emotions unexpressed by the performers. One could quite well imagine one's self watching the ordinary every day workings of human nature from a point unobserved.

With so distinct a departure in type from plays previously put on, it was only to be expected that there should be new faces behind the footlights, and while there were one or two prominent absentees whom we should have liked to have seen in the new cast, not the least fault could be found with the disposal of the cast. It is a tribute to the Colony's wealth of talent, far too often hidden and secluded, that we always have a big reserve of players on whom to call.

Chief honours must undoubtedly go to Miss E. R. Hallifax and Mr. C. Ballouch. The former in the part of Peggy, the subject of the philosopher's experiment, was all that one could wish her to be. In speaking of her work she can be paid the deserved compliment of saying that there is no need to make allowances for the fact that she is an amateur. Acting is a second nature with her. In a trying role calling for the translation of the whole gamut of emotions she was always true to human nature. Such a study as she gave could only be possible as the result of a thorough grasp and conception of the possibilities of the situations in which a girl of the disposition supposed by the playwright was bound to find herself. Her reputation is materially enhanced by her latest endeavour. Mr. Ballouch, as Mark Embury, was a revelation. He always seemed quite at home on the boards. His beautiful voice, his dignified bearing and his quiet, deliberative manner stamped him as the only possible man for a part so full of possibilities. These were all finely brought out. We can scarcely conceive a better interpretation of the character.

Of the other leading characters Mrs. M. W. Slade, as Embury's house-keeper, and Mrs. E. W. Looker in the part of Joanne Goodlake, came in a good deal of notice. The former invented her part with charming reality and helped in no small degree to keeping things going. Mrs. Looker was decidedly striking as the haughty and superior society woman, filling a certain difficult and likely to be unappreciated part to a comedy. Mr. E. S. Lindsey made a capital Roger Goodlake, splendidly hitting off the breezy old gentleman, always first to detect and dilate on the weaknesses of humanity in general but last in discovering how he is hoodwinked by his own absurd wit. The general impression, who, however, has a strong regard for honour in his make-up, was in the capable hands of Capt. Addison, R.E. Some of his work was remarkably well done and when a slight stiffness of demeanour displayed early in the evening

went off he carried all before him. A word is due to Mr. E. W. Looker in the double role of Peter (Embury's servant) and Kit Barnard (a dabbler and professor of deportment). In both these parts he was made little less than a comedy character in the latter, and in the former charmingly true as the old herring, always non-committal in conversation, and, as became a servant of Embury's, nothing if not philosophical. Mr. E. F. Master invested the part of Sir Harry Tumblestone, a gay young dog, with just the necessary swag and bonhomie, while minor parts were well taken by Mrs. Addison, Miss Rombow and Mr. W. G. Worcester. The following ladies made charming bevy of friends:—Mrs. Pottor, Mrs. Abbott, Miss Edwards, Jacks, E. Potts, G. Potts and Benbow, while as guests at the masquerade ball Messrs. Davidson, Oliver, Woodhouse, Shenton, Rosemond, Craven, Deunys, Dowling and Chapman added to the life of the play.

The setting of the piece is most praiseworthy. Altogether there are four scenes, for the arrangement of which Mr. R. Roberts has been responsible. Each is a triumph in itself, the last, an excellent little stage surrounded by a pretty garden, being especially effective. The old English crosses and costumes, too, add to the picturesque quality of the play. The stage management is in the capable hands of Mr. R. Sutherland, while the following cast of service which made such a fine production possible:—Messrs. A. Chapman, G. A. Caldwell, M. S. Northcote (secretary), E. Ormiston, J. Robertson and G. Ballouch. The only complaint to be made is that, rather than long time is occupied in the changing of scenery, though this is somewhat minimised by the excellent selections rendered by the Built orchestra.

SPORTING.

Billiards.

FRIDAY, LEUNG.

One of the most interesting matches of the tournament was that between Pitt and Leung Kam Kwong, at the Victoria Recreation Club on Tuesday night. After preliminary safety exchanges Pitt was first to score but only made a 4. Safety misses and small breaks were the order of the next six innings and eventually Leung made a 24 and only an awkward cover off prevented him from adding further to his score. Leung followed up with a blank in his opponent's hand. Pitt replied with a 2 and when the former again visited the table the scores were called 39 plays 30. A further break of 28 followed by a blank and then a 3 and the scores were called 68. The policeman was not seen to be at his ease as the balls were not running at all well for him and his best for some time was a 9 made up of shots from difficult angles. Leung reached his second hundred with a 21 break and although chances were rare he continued to lead in the match. Pitt, 114; Scores with Leung 100 in front were again called at 237, 137 but from this stage the recovery by Pitt was marvellous until when the interval arrived he was only 20 behind. The scores being Leung 135, Pitt 223, Pitt opened strongly with an 18 and after a lot of manoeuvring for safety Pitt came out on top and secured the lead for the first time during the game with the scores 272-270. The game was a fire and take matter with the luck against both players until 237, all was called when Pitt again took the lead and scoring 13 (2) and a 32 the scores were called 413-380 in his favour. Pitt was 80 in front when he only needed 60 to win but Leung proved that he had still something in hand by putting up a 30 after 402-469 was called but the luck was with the policeman in the closing stages and he won by 49 points.

The scores were—Pitt, 500; Leung Kam Kwong, 461.

This semi-final contest this evening when Melvin meets Heigh.

Boxing.

The postponed welterweight tournament at the Belle Vue stadium takes place on Saturday evening when Seaman Roberts, B. M. S. Kent, will meet Taff O'Keefe of the torpedo department in a fifteen two minutes rounds. The latter has not been seen in the Hongkong ring for some considerable time. Gunner Arundel is also announced to fight Gunner Hubbard in a ten round bout. There are also a number of preliminaries and the event is sure to be an interesting one.

English League Football.

FIRST DIVISION.

Two of the teams who are struggling to rise from the bottom of the League table were successful in securing full points away from home on Saturday, March 19—the Arsenal by defeating Bradford City by the only goal of the match, and Middlesbrough by defeating the Forest at Nottingham by the same score. The Villa could only draw with Bristol City at Bristol, no goals being scored, but the loss of the point in no way jeopardises their position as champions as they have 42 points for 28 matches with Notts County second with only 38 points for 31 matches. The question to which team shall accompany Bolton Wanderers into the lower Division is still as open as ever. It almost seems odd that the "Spurs" are all relatively new in the same position as Middlesbrough. Preston S.E. spoiled whatever chances Notts County had of the League championship by entertaining them to a five-nil defeat at Prescot. Newcastle visited London and did as they liked with the Spurs, securing a win with four goals in hand. Chelsea shared two and four goals at Everton and points at Sunderland, the home team and Blackburn also divided the points, no goals being scored. The other results were: Manchester United 5, Bolton Wanderers 0; Sheffield United 3, Sheffield Wed 1; Liverpool 2, Bury 1.

SECOND DIVISION.

The only home team in this division to suffer defeat was Glossop, who lost to Lincoln City by one goal to nil. Derby County defeated Blackpool by two goals to one and are now in a good position with 44 points for 22 matches. The gap between Manchester City and the leaders was widened by the City only securing one point from W. B. Albion in a goal-less draw, but they have 40 points for 28 matches and may all be considered in the running for a first place, well up for promotion. Oldham came next with 38 points for 25 matches. The other results were: Idham 4, Grimsby 1; Burnley 4, Gainsboro 1; Burnley 3, Leeds 1; Stockport 3, Brighton 0; Hull, Bradford 1; Birmingham 2, Leicester 1; Fulham 0, Wolverhampton 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Two visiting teams achieved what was to a great extent the unexpected, West Ham, defeating the Commons at Orpington by three goals to one and Brighton by securing full points with the only goal scored at Millwall. A battle royal at Southampton ended in neither team scoring.

ing. Portsmouth thus securing a valuable point. The performance of Swindon at Northampton, when they were defeated by three goals to nil, looks gloomy; and although Luton were the "welling team" against Q. P. Rangers the fact was hardly a good enough excuse for their three-to-nil defeat. The other results were:—Exeter 3, Watford 1; Brentford 3, Southampton 0; Plymouth 0, Bristol City 1; Leyton 3, Norwich 1; Reading 1, Coventry 1.

SANITARY BOARD.

Mr. R. O. Hutchison presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday afternoon, when there were present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon. Mr. A. W. Breen, Colonel Bedford, Dr. G. L. Fitzwilliams, Mr. A. Shenton Hooper, Mr. Ng Hon Tze, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Dr. F. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Dr. P. Pearce, A.M.O.H., and Mr. W. Bowser-Randall, Secretary.

Colonel Bedford, in asking the questions present to notice, said that owing to the very numerous cases of malaria last summer among the military detachment at Devil's Peak, he was naturally anxious that all precautions against a continuance of the fever this summer should be taken. In November a committee was appointed by the Board to inquire into the conditions prevailing at Devil's Peak, and that committee found certain paddy fields by the roadside which were adversely commented upon. The idea that they should be resumed, and he was wished to ask whether any steps had been taken to carry out the suggestions of the committee. The questions were as follows:

"Whether any steps have yet been taken to resume the paddy fields at the roadside leading up to Devil's Peak Barracks, as recommended by the committee appointed by the Board on 9th of November last?"

"Can it be stated when the new slaughter-house for Shanghai will be provided?"

Whether any of the Sanitary Inspectors mentioned in paragraph 19 of the Public Health Ordinance are specially detailed to search for the breeding places of mosquitoes in the vicinity of inhabited dwellings or public roads?

In reply to the first question, the first question, read the following letter from the Government, which was received too late for circulation:

"In reply to your letter of the 9th of last December, I am directed to inform you that the headmen of the villages of Sa Tau and Li U Mun have been admonished by the Registrar-General in the sense recommended by the select committee of the Board, but that His Excellency the Governor, as at present advised, is not prepared to resume the paddy field in question."

In reply to the second question, he stated that the Director of Public Works had informed him that he expects to call for tenders at the end of this month. He stated that the select committee of the Sanitary Department were instructed to search for the breeding places of mosquitoes in the vicinity of inhabited dwellings in their respective districts. Our anti-malarial measures did not, however, have been found to be effective. The Tung Wah Hospital a daily return of the addresses of all cases of malaria admitted, and from the Registrar of Death a special return of all the deaths from malaria, and the Inspectors were directed to make a tour of inspection at once into the surroundings of all such houses, and not infrequently they find mosquito larvae in pots of water on the flat roofs, in choked drain water gutters, and in various other receptacles. The Inspector explained to the occupants that such conditions as these were the cause of sickness or death, and they were promptly remedied. He also kept a spot map up to date, to show the distribution of such cases, and he has secured for his personal investigations into any group of cases which might occur. Moreover, brushwood was being constantly cut down in the neighbourhood of dwellings, and basements and out-houses were fumigated with the use of kerosene and lime on occasion, while gardeners and others were required to keep fish or frogs in tanks, pits and foundations which contained water. Gullies and sand catch pits containing water were regularly treated with kerosene during the malarial season, and there being considerable time, the gullies and sand catch pits on the hillside were scoured every week by the Public Works Department to prevent the growth of algae.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders states that a large number of new members, and very few resignations have been received. The membership list has been made up to date and includes members who have been elected this year.

The premises now occupied were entered on 4th February by H.E. the Governor, who has kindly consented to become honorary president. The new premises have proved a great advantage both in site and locality. The building fund opened with a most hearty response from all members—most kind financial assistance was also received from the local large shipping firms.

Two papers have been read by members and discussed at subsequent meetings:—the present time several papers on engineering and kindred subjects are prepared and will be read at early dates. The committee will be glad to hear from any members willing to read a paper during the coming season.

Two successful smoking concerts were held with a very large attendance. A small fee charged for admission resulted in a profit for the Institute's funds.

Cups have been presented by Messrs E. F. Carmichael and V. H. Nye, for billiards. The cup presented by the former was won by Mr. H. T. Richardson, who defeated Mr. W. Russell in the final. The second competition for the chairman's cup, second prize presented by Mr. J. Ormiston, is not yet completed. In the pyramid handicap Messrs J. E. Miller and J. McCubbin (one 1) defeated Messrs J. Miller and J. W. Seegle (scratch). The committee regret that the sea going members handicap for a cup presented in 1908 by Messrs A. C. Gale, is still unfinished, the season taking time to ensure its completion, the finalists being Messrs D. Muir and T. McCormack.

The annual dinner was held at the Hongkong Hotel on March 11th and proved very successful. Mr. D. Macdonald occupied the chair and a large number of members attended.

The committee desire to thank all members for their increased support—this has resulted in a profit for the year of \$1,100.25, against losses of \$10,511.19 in 1908, and \$1,204.02 in 1907. Ample allowance has been made at the same time for food and doubtful debts, depreciation, etc.

ITALIAN CONVENT GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Sir Hormusjee Mody Donates Eight Scholarships.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard is bestowing an edict, these days in throwing bouquets at the public of Hongkong, in the form of delightful and pleasant surprise and his latest announcement of this kind was at the golden jubilee celebrations on Tuesday evening in connection with the Italian Convent. His Excellency the Governor was attended by Captain P. M. Taylor, A.D.C., and Captain Simson, Private Secretary, and amongst the large attendance were Right Rev. Bishop Porco, and the Bishops of Tokio and Tonkin, Lady May, Commodore, Mrs. and Miss Lyon, Commanders J. J. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, Signor Napolitano, Hon. Dr. J. M. and Mrs. Atkinson, Commander Basil and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Percobio, Father Watson, Mr. E. A. Irving, Commander Almeida, of the Vasco da Gama, Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro and others.

After receiving a report on the history of the work in Hongkong, His Excellency said:—Your Lordship, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have been asked to make an announcement to you, to be on behalf of Sir Hormusjee Mody. He has decided to found eight scholarships to grant schools in this Colony, and he has asked me to make the announcement this afternoon. The schools are St. Joseph's College, the Ellis School, the Dominican School, St. Mary's, the Italian Convent, St. Mary's, Kowloon, the French Convent and St. Francis, Wanchai. And to this list he has added an eighth name by giving a scholarship to the Victoria Boys' School at the end of the city.

His Excellency then said:—The schools which will be worth \$30 a year for two consecutive years, Sir Hormusjee Mody intends to invest \$1,000 on behalf of each school. Trustees will be appointed, and they will draw interest on the sum for the annual stipend. Sir Hormusjee has very kindly proposed to call them after my name, and although I would much prefer that they were called after the name of the donor, he gave me no option in the matter, so they are to be called the Lugard Scholarships. They are to be open to all who are domiciled in the Colony without respect to nationality. By being domiciled Sir Hormusjee means that they will be resident here three years. As I said, trustees will be appointed, but a large discretion will be vested in the Governor of the day to settle any points without reference to counsel or lawyers. It gives me the very greatest pleasure to announce this latest phase of the generosity of Sir Hormusjee Mody, whose gifts have been so many to the Colony. I have myself since I have been here been able to announce three or four large and generous gifts which he has made. I am particularly glad to be able to make this announcement to-day because the Convent and sister schools that will have scholarships. We listened just now to such a very interesting account of the origin, history and extraordinary progress of this convent during the last fifty years that there is nothing left for me to say except to say that they have made such a very long programme to get through that I have been told on this occasion I was not desired to make any speech, at all. I merely wish to say, on behalf of myself and the large audience, that we are most happy to have given their lives to this work, our appreciation of what they are doing day by day; to show them how keenly we appreciate their work, and to wish them continued success and continued progress, and as they have had during the past fifty years. (Applause.)

Bishop Porco said:—Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—Before anything else, I wish to thank Your Excellency for the announcement you have just made of the scholarships which the Governor's most Modesty in his goodness of heart, has seen fit to give to three of the schools under the charge of the Sisters of Charity. Within one month Your Excellency has sprung upon the community two very agreeable surprises. The first, the Lugard Scholarships, and the second, and in both instances, I feel sure, the unexpected news is welcomed by the community to an extent equal in importance to the announcements. The editor of a leading Far Eastern journal struck a happy caption when he headed the report of the proceedings of the recent ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of the Hongkong University "A Hongkong Carnegie." In Sir Hormusjee the Colony possesses the prototype of the Scottish benefactor in the history of education.

His Excellency then said:—Your Excellency, further enhanced that princely gift by permitting your name to be associated with the scholarships which shall be for all time known as the "Lugard Scholarships." It is a fitting memorial of the great interest you have always expressed in all that pertains to education in Hongkong—an interest which received its crowning glory in the culminating ceremony performed in connection with the Hongkong University not quite a month ago. To you, and to Sir Hormusjee Mody, I feel sure, the Governor's most Modesty thanks for the "Lugard Scholarships." I am only very feebly voicing the sentiments of the Convent when I say that the Sisters feel very deeply grateful for the kind manner you have referred to the institution's work during the fifty years when he headed the report of the proceedings of the recent ceremony of the laying of the foundation stone of the Hongkong University "A Hongkong Carnegie." In Sir Hormusjee the Colony possesses the prototype of the Scottish benefactor in the history of education.

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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Two Sanitary Board coolies were fined \$3 each by Mr. E. R. Hallifax, at the Magistracy to-day, for negligently driving their carts. A little girl got under the cart but fortunately neither of the wheels passed over her.

A native was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks at the Magistracy to-day for stealing three bundles of rattan from 376 Queen's Road West. It appears that he went to the shop and said he had been sent by a firm known to the proprietor of the shop.

A sentence of three months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks was imposed by Mr. E. R. Hallifax on a native, at the Magistracy this morning, who was charged with breaking and entering with intent to steal, No. 61 Des Voeux Road Central, a printing shop occupied by Mr. Rosario.

A very long and interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music was given, interspersed by addresses admirably executed by Miss D'Almeida e Castro, Miss R. Lorraine and Miss A. Forde. Miss R. Lorraine gave a recitation in excellent Italian. The delightful singing of Miss O. Castro, who so splendidly took the part of "Mimosa" at the "Gaiety" at the Lyttelton Club last year, was greatly enjoyed, particularly in the choruses, "Faith, Hope and Charity." Those who materially assisted in the programme included Pupils of St. Mary's School, Kowloon; Pupils of Italian Convent; Miss Edith Carrasco, Miss J. L. de Salazar Alves, Miss F. A. de Salazar, Miss P. 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EMPEROR OF CHINA	SATURDAY, 4th JUNE	
EMPEROR OF INDIA	SATURDAY, 25th JUNE	
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	SATURDAY, 16th JULY	

From Quebec:

Vessel	Date	Remarks
EMPEROR OF CHINA	FRIDAY, 20th MAY	
EMPEROR OF INDIA	FRIDAY, 10th JUNE	
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	FRIDAY, 1st JULY	
EMPEROR OF CHINA	FRIDAY, 22nd JULY	
EMPEROR OF INDIA	FRIDAY, 12th AUG.	

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HAIVANG	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TUESDAY, 19th April, at 10 a.m.

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TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	May 7	May 2nd, at Noon
EMPIRE	May 14	May 9th, at Noon
EASTERN	May 21	May 16th, at Noon

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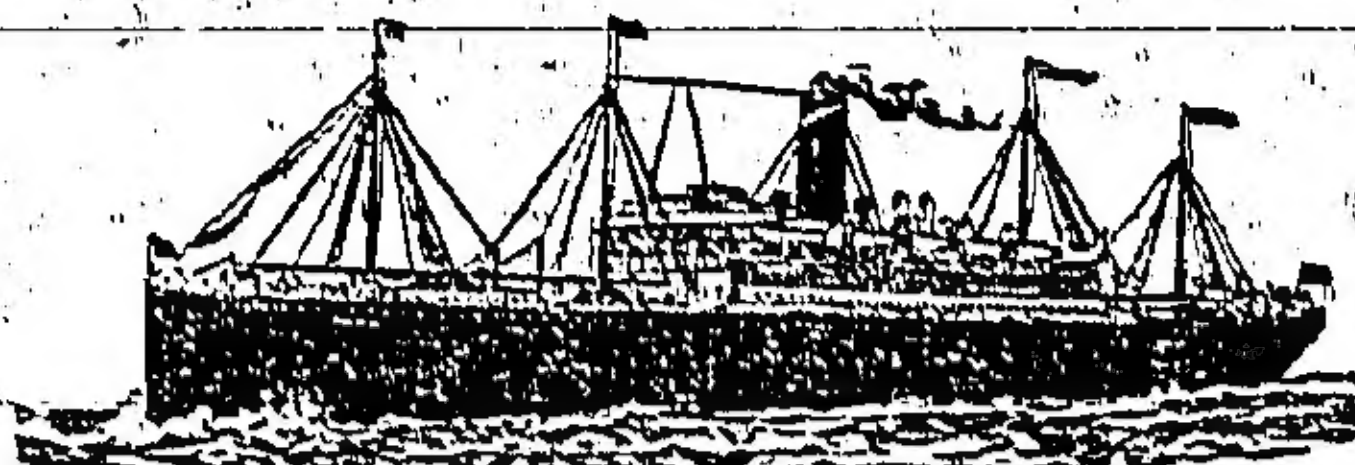
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STEAMER	Tons	DATE	Time
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 18th April	at 5 p.m.
TENYO MARU	21,000	SATURDAY, 23rd April	at 1 p.m.
KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY, 30th April	at 1 p.m.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	SATURDAY, 1st May	at 1 p.m.
SIBERIA	18,000	SATURDAY, 8th May	at 1 p.m.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 15th May	at 1 p.m.
CHIU MARU	21,000	SATURDAY, 22nd May	at 1 p.m.

The P.M.S.S. MONGOLIA will be despatched for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu, on SATURDAY, April 16th, at 5 p.m.

Fares: Hongkong to London £71 10. 0, including Berth and Meals across America.

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For	Steamers	Tons	Leave
TACOMA, via MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SEATTLE MARU, Capt. T. Saito.	6,168	Wednesday, 20th April, at Noon.
Do.	CHI-AGO MARU, Capt. I. Goto.	6,168	Wednesday, 18th May, at Noon.

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HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA SERVICE.

For	Steamers	Leave
TAKAO (Direct)	SHIBESHI MARU, Capt. S. Asami.	FRIDAY, 16th April, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	DAIJI MARU, Capt. Y. Kabarak.	FRIDAY, 17th April, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI, via SWATOW	BUJUN MARU, Capt. Y. Fushiro.	THURSDAY, 21st April, at 8 a.m.
AMOY and FOCHOW	DAIJI MARU, Capt. H. Murayama.	TUESDAY, 24th April, at 10 a.m.

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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERA, PRINZ LUDWIG, 20th April, at Noon.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, DUELOW, 20th April, at Noon.

KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

MANILA, YAP, ANJAU, NEW COBLENZ, 22nd April, at Noon.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

Mr Asano Re-elected President.

The general meeting of shareholders of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, held in Tokyo on March 31st, had an unexpected result.

The prevailing forecast had been that Mr Asano and his followers would either resign all connection with the Company, or be replaced by new men, in accordance with a vote of the shareholders. What actually happened, however, says the Japan Mail, was that Mr Asano obtained re-election to the place as President in consideration of his definite announcement that he believed in the Company's ability to make good its losses in the sequel of next year's working, and that if the event falsified this forecast, he himself would become personally responsible for the deficit. Some of the shareholders were explicitly unwilling to place any reliance upon Mr Asano's assurances, but the majority retained sufficient confidence in him to feel that he should be given an opportunity of making good his promise. As for the personnel of the remaining directors, it was decided that the duty of selecting them should be entrusted to Mr Okura Kihachiro, Baron Shibusawa and Mr Toyokawa.

A London contemporary points out that, in the course of the five budgets for which they are responsible, the Radicals have raised the country's expenditure from £149,637,000 to the total of £171,552,000 proposed for the coming year—an increase of £21,915,000. This is not bad work for a party which in the 1906 election came into power pledged to economy. Of course, in this increase there figures the cost of the old-age pensions, which, originally estimated at £6,000,000, now claim £9,225,000. In the Civil Service and Revenue departments there is the enormous advance of £7,903,000, or £17,188,000 if we include old-age pensions.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

For	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, April 15, at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	SATURDAY, April 16, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and SHANGHAI	YENKANG	FRIDAY, April 22, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and SHANGHAI	YENKANG	FRIDAY, April 22, at Noon.
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW & TIENTSIN	HUICHOW	April 14, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	YENKANG	April 14, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	YENKANG	April 17, Daylight.
MANILA	YENKANG	April 19, at 3 p.m.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and SHANGHAI	YENKANG	April 21, at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and SHANGHAI	YENKANG	April 24, Daylight.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and SHANGHAI	YENKANG	April 26, at 3 p.m.

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